Conservative Holds Seat

KIRKCUDBRIGHT, Scotland (Reuters) — Prime Minister Macmillan's Conservative party retained a parliamentary seat in a byelection here on Thursday. John Brewis obtained 13,204 votes, more than the combined votes of two rivals.

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PROGRAMS

Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. "Town Planning," an illustrated lecture by Lewis Krutcher, noted American authority. Members free, others 25c.

Friday, 12.30 Recorded Music Concert

Monday at 7.30 p.m. Numismatic Society meeting. Open to the public.

GENERAL NEWS

1. Thursday, April 16 at 5 p.m. Deadline for receiving Jury entries.
2. Adult Art Classes now in session. Registrations accepted by phone.
3. Annual Rummage Sale May 8. Contributions accepted anytime.

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Swinging Ride to Father's Bass

Bass-playing Rev. John Oates, who runs a club for teenagers in London, England, was the life of the party when 400 club members danced during a special train ride. Father Oates arranged the outing and the railroad set aside a private car.

The Entertainment Parade

Festivals Are Humming

By BERT BINNY

Affairs in the entertainment world hereabouts begin to hum Wednesday, and continue to do so right through the month.

This year, the drama and music festivals are just about cheek by jowl with only a couple of days breathing space between them. And with music festival authorities placing more emphasis on the festival rather than the competitive aspect, the entertainment value of the whole affair is notably enhanced.

There will be concerts every night next week at Central Junior Auditorium, featuring 1959 contest winners, outstanding competitions and several guest artists.

Soloists include soprano Anne Harris and Marjorie Sturgeon, both previous Rose Bowl winners, violinists Mary Goward and Wendy Gerry, and pianist George Essihos, city medallion winner in 1958.

However, the Southern Vancouver Island drama festival comes first, opening Wednesday and continuing through to the honor performance on Saturday at Oak Bay Junior High School.

As usual there is wide variety in the selections. Almost in the experimental class is Eugene Ionesco's "The Chairs" (Intimate Stage, Wednesday); in sharp contrast are two of Chekov's familiar but sturdy comedies, "The Bear" (Columbine Club, Thursday) and "The Anniversary" (Fireside Players, Friday).

Gordon Courtenay's "Prisoner of Love" (Fireside Players, Wednesday) is the only locally-written play in the festival.

Last year's best actress, Evanne Murray, appears in the supporting role of the innkeeper's wife in "Wayside War" (St. Luke's, Wednesday). The 1958 best actor, John Martin, is Noah in "Before the Flood" (Theatre Guild, Thursday).

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Two other interesting events this week include a concert by the Greater Victoria Schools Orchestra at Victoria High School Friday. This features the string orchestra and a number of smaller ensembles.

The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Annual roundup of the Western Square Dance Association is at the Memorial Arena Saturday.

Basing judgment on last year's roundup, this is a colorful and massive affair with, at times, upwards of 1,500 dancers on the floor simultaneously.

Youthful square dancers, such as the Alma Square and the Colwood Square Wheels, will participate in the festivities.

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Victoria Theatre Guild has been experiencing difficulties in settling on a final major production for 1958-59. "My Sister, Eileen" and "Is Your Honeymoon Really Necessary?" were both selected and both dropped due to unavailability.

Now set for casting is "As Long As They're Happy," a farcical comedy by Vernon Sylvain.

Tryouts, under director Richard Litt, are tonight and Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. at the Langham Court Theatre.

Cosmopolitan Songs and Dances

Folk Music in All Sizes

They were all sizes and all ages, as well as thoroughly cosmopolitan, at the Victoria folk festival yesterday afternoon and evening.

There was a three-year-old Hawaiian dancer who could have difficulty seeing over the top of a yardstick and Highlanders and Western square dancers scarcely any bigger, doing their stuff in a children's program in the afternoon.

Of the day's 20 numbers, Scotland had the lion's share with three dances, "Shepherd's Crook," "Sword Dance" and "Highland Fling" by the Katherine Costain dancers; selections by the Victoria Girls' Pipe Band, Scottish Quadrilles by the Victoria Highland Games Association, the famous "Reel of the 51st Division" by the Adeline Duncan dancers and songs from the Caledonian Heather Glee Club.

Joan Perry and Harla Owens of the Marjorie Lindley dancers performed an Irish slip jig on both programs. Pamela Dann danced another Irish jig and a third example was provided by Carol Peters, Pamela Dann, Maureen Usher and Gail Rawnsley. Irish folk songs were sung by Terry McBratney.

American square dances were done in the afternoon by the youthful Colwood Circle Squares under Will Deacon, while Ernest Livesey's Mount View High School square dancers took the stage in the evening.

Twelve Marjorie Lindley dancers gave a Hawaiian routine in the afternoon and, in the evening, Hawaii was represented by Darlene Moore and Julie Osmaston in "Little Brown Girl."

The rest was European. A Tyrolean "Schuplatter" was danced by Brian Craig and Kevin Costain, Freda and Eleanor Gilstein presented Norwegian songs and dances.

Finland was represented by folk songs sung by Mrs. Aune Isomaa.

Dutch songs came from Connie and Harald Pederson and the final item on the program was the Ukrainian "Kolomyko," danced by the Mount View High School folk dance club.

What's Next

Monday—Zara Doloukhanova, mezzo-soprano, Royal Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Southern Vancouver Island Drama Festival. Oak Bay Junior High School, 8.15 p.m.

Wednesday—The Meistersingers, Ruth Champion and Betts and her Buddies, Sir James Douglas School auditorium, 8.15 p.m.

Friday—Rotary Boys' Choir at Fellowship Hall, Gladstone and Fernwood, 8 p.m.

Friday—Greater Victoria Schools Orchestra and Ensembles in recital, Victorial High School, 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday—Dixieland Music with the Gashouse Six at The Scene, 1306 Wharf Street, 10.30 p.m.

Saturday—Greater Victoria Western Square Dance Association Round-Up, Memorial Arena, 8 p.m.

April 21 to 24, April 27 to May 1—Greater Victoria Music Festival, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall and Central Junior High School auditorium.

April 22—Victoria Choral Society spring concert, Oak Bay Junior High School, 8.15 p.m.

Rotary Boys Sing Again

For their ninth concert of the present season, the popular Rotary Boys' Choir appear at Fellowship Hall, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Fernwood and Gladstone, at 8 p.m. Friday.

The program, under the baton of William Hastings, includes sacred, classical and semi-classical numbers as well as spirituals.

Sponsors are the Peranon group of the women's society and a collection will be made at the door.

Park's Opening Day Tragedy

Roller Coaster Shut Down After Youth Thrown, Killed

PORTLAND (AP)—The district attorney's office Saturday closed down a roller coaster on which a youth was killed Friday night a few hours after it opened for the season.

Garry Ralph Seekings, 16, was run over by a car from which he had been thrown and died on the track 50 feet above ground.

Assistant District Attorney Oscar Howlett said safety bars installed on the coaster cars while the amusement park was closed during the winter could be opened by stepping on a lever inside.

Play Plan Needs $300

Langford Recreation Commission hopes to raise $300 before early summer so that it can sponsor and equip supervised children's play groups for youngsters of elementary-school age.

Site chosen for ths play groups is Langford Centennial Park on Costin Road, according to Joan Petersen, 2934 Leigh Road, secretary of the commission.

Recently the commission used proceeds of a bingo night and other events to purchase more than $300 worth of grass seed with which to sow the park flaying field.

City Bingo Buffs Race for Seats

Bingo patrons have already bought almost half the seats available for the Kinsmen's giant bingo to be held in Memorial Arena April 27, Jack Phillion, bingo chairman, said last night.

Tickets bought before 5.30 p.m. Saturday entitle the holders to a chance at winning an all-expenses-paid holiday for two in any city in North America.

Advance sales up to last night, some two weeks after tickets were made available, reached 3,600. With extra seating in the arena, some 7,890 players can be accommodated.

Prize list for the bingo night is $11,000, a new high. Major prize is a Dodge club sedan.

Desilu Seeks Stage School Shift to West

HOLLYWOOD (NANA)—With the first drama school to be founded solely for the development of television acting hopefuls now well under way at the Desilu studio, another long step forward is to be announced within a few days.

It has been disclosed that Lucille Ball Arnaz, who recently organized the Desilu Workshop, with 22 now enlisted in daily classes, has been negotiating with Sanford Meisner, head of New York's Neighborhood Playhouse, with the view toward moving his activities to the West Coast and onto the Desilu lot.

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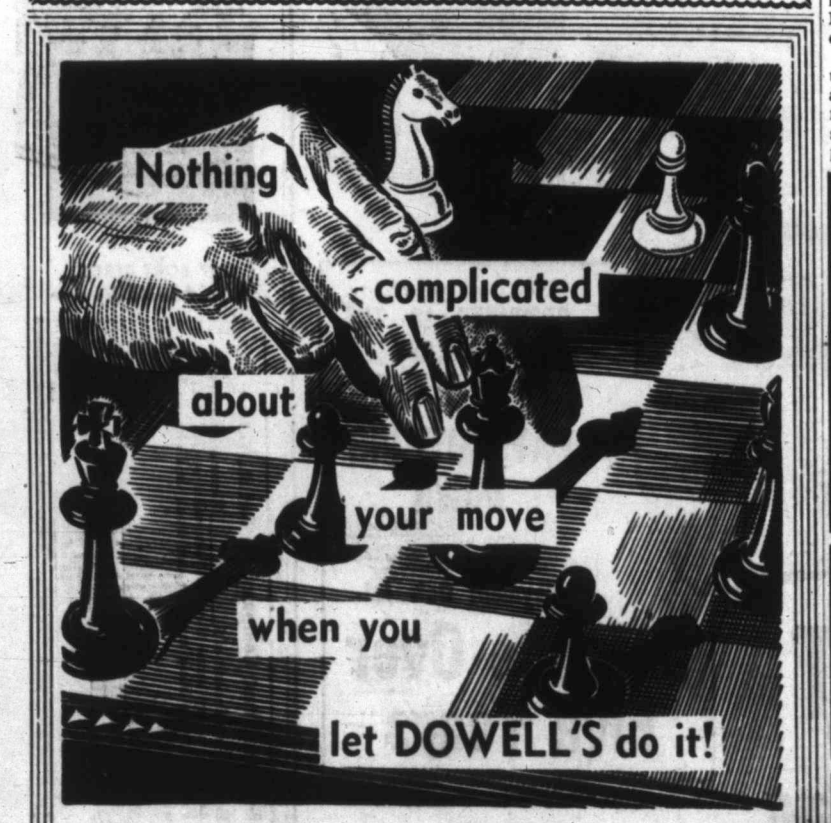

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